What is claimed is:

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An image processing method comprising the steps of:
judging the necessity/nonnecessity of correction of
image data of a color image with respect to one or more

5 items regarding the quality of the image data; and carrying out the predetermined correction processing with respect to the item judged as required to be corrected at the judging step.

2. An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein the necessity/nonnecessity of correction is judged based on the whole area of the image data.

- 3. An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein the items include a sunset judgment used to judge whether the color image is a sunset scene or not.
- 4. An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein the items include a color covering judgment used to judge whether the whole of the color image is covered with a specific color or not.
- 5. An image processing method according to claim 1,
  20 wherein the items include a contrast judgment used to judge
  whether the color image has a normal contrast or not.
  - 6. An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein the items include a sharpness judgment used to judge whether the color image has a normal sharpness or not.
  - 7. An image processing method according to claim 1,

wherein the necessity/nonnecessity of correction is judged based on the items pieced together.

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An image processing apparatus comprising:

a memory which stores an image data of a color image;

judge section which judges the necessity/nonnecessity of correction of the image data with respect to one or more items regarding the quality of the image data; and

correct section which corrects the image data with respect to the item judged as required to be corrected at the judge section.

- 9. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the judge section judges based on the whole area of the image data.
- 10. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein judge section judges whether the color image is a sunset scene or not.
- 11. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein judge section judges whether the color image is covered with a specific color or not
- 12. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein judge 20 section judges whether the color image has a normal contrast or not.
  - 13. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein judge section judges whether the color image has a normal sharpness or not.
- 25 14. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein judge

section judges the necessity/nonnecessity of correction based on the items pieced together.

15. A recording medium with a recorded program, wherein the program has the steps of:

judging the necessity/nonnecessity of correction of image data of a color image with respect to one or more items regarding the quality of the image data; and

carrying out the predetermined correction processing with respect to the item judged as required to be corrected at the judging step.

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